

Garden notes Early November 2018

Pruning and cuttings can be started now

Moving a *Rosa rugosa* 'Agnes' which has bright yellow flowers from a rather rich flower border to something with less fertile soil which would suit the rose much better. This rose can be moved at this time of the year even though it's still green on top.

Before you decide to replant it make sure all the top growth has been cut down so as it matches the root growth in size, otherwise this could stress out the plant which then could lead to its death. To begin with dig round the root ball in a circular form until you have exposed the roots. Once this is done you will probably come across the tap root which may need to be trimmed off with secateurs or loppers. I must stipulate a warning here: at this point always wear leather gloves and gauntlets and protective clothing because the prickles on any rose could be quite damaging to your skin. Once you have removed the rose, place it in a barrow and move it to the place where you intend to replant it.



Rosa rugosa 'Agnes'

Before planting water, the roots and lightly sprinkle with mycorrhizal fungus. This should then stick to the roots better and when planted, will stimulate root growth faster in the new planting position. Sprinkle some more in the whole before earthing over the root ball. Once earthed over, heel in the soil around the base and finally water with at least a gallon of water.

Hard wood cuttings to try this month:

Cornus alba 'Siberica' (Dog wood)

Rosa canina (Dog rose)

Sow Sweet peas (*Lathyrus odoratus*) in root trainers – they like warm moist conditions – try 'Painted Lady'. One per pot. Germinate in the greenhouse then after one month leave out in a sheltered spot. Plant out in early April-

Sow Broad beans in lines 6-9inches apart and 30 cm away from the next row

Plant out brassica plantlets under netting (cabbage, sprouts, red cabbage etc) **Alliums: Onions and Garlic, Shallots**

Some jobs for the weekend

- Bring in Salvias out of the cold
- Take in tender perennials like Dahlias and Cannas
- Apply bands to apple trees now- leave on until April next year to capture moth larvae that climb the trees and eat the apples.
- Store begonia tubers in a cool dark place
- Plant Spring bulbs in layers: Hosta on top of daffs crocus and anemones